



*Decree  
by which the diocesan Service of Formation  
becomes  
The Institute for Theological and Pastoral Formation  
of the Diocese of Saint-Jean-Longueuil*

Whereas the present Service of Formation of the Diocese of Saint-Jean-Longueuil and the School of Formation which is attached to it have become, after twenty-five years of existence, permanent institutions of our Church;

Whereas this service, through the School of Formation which is attached to it, assures the initial formation of lay pastoral agents and contributes also to the assurance of continual formation for all pastoral staff;

Whereas it would be justifiable and consistent to entrust this dual mission to a single agency established on a stable foundation and mandated to maintain close ties to our university partners;

By the present decree I therefore proceed with the creation of THE INSTITUTE FOR THEOLOGICAL AND PASTORAL FORMATION of the Diocese of Saint-Jean-Longueuil which will assume as of now the dual mission hitherto assumed by the Service of Formation and by the School of Formation which was attached to it.

- It is mandated to assure the co-ordination and the accomplishment of all the activities of formation by the members of the pastoral staff, with the exception of the initial formation of priests and deacons.
- It will come under the administration of the Human Resources Department of the diocese.

- The management of it will be provided by a director.
- He or she will be assisted by an Advisory Committee designated as the Advisory Committee to the Institute for Theological and Pastoral Formation of the Diocese of Saint-Jean-Longueuil.
- The orientations of the Institute for Formation are developed in the document attached : « Orientations of the Institute for Theological and Pastoral Formation », dated February 15, 2008.

Given at Longueuil, this 15 day of February 2008.

↖ Jacques Berthelet, C.S.V.  
Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil

Jean-Pierre Camerlain, priest  
Chancellor